

TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

Enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent. Namely, the Terminal Disclaimer has been prepared relative to the commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,076,717.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, under the section entitled RELATED APPLICATION, insert the following after the first sentence:

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This application also claims priority from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/059,730, filed April 13, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,076,717, which claimed priority from Provisional Application No. 60/040,998, filed April 21, 1997.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel Claims 2-9 and 12-14 without prejudice.

*L* Amend Claims 1 and 10 as follows:

1. (Amended) A leash assembly, comprising:

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a housing which defines a handle for the leash assembly and an interior compartment;

a leash extendable from and retractable into the interior compartment;